

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15 were previously allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed on November 15, 2007. Applicant adds new claims 16-21. No new matter is added by amendment.

Discussion of New Claims

Claims 16-17 correspond, respectively, to claim 1 and claim 5 redrafted in the format allowed under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, incorporating all features presently in allowed claims 1 and 5. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 16-17.

Claims 18-21 are based on the allowed claims from counterpart U.S. Application No. 09/689,265, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,697,629, for which the present application is a Divisional.

In particular, claim 18 corresponds substantially to claim 1 from U.S. 6,697,629 redrafted as an apparatus claim in the format allowed under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph. Similarly, claim 19 corresponds substantially to claim 16 from U.S. 6,697,629 redrafted as an apparatus claim in the format allowed under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph.

Similarly, claims 20-21 correspond, respectively, to claims 1 and 16 from U.S. 6,697,629 redrafted as apparatus claims in accordance with the format allowed under In re Beauregard.

Applicant respectfully believes that all of the new claims are allowable and respectfully requests allowance of all of the new claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all claims pending in the application are allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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